

**Clean Version of Amended Claims**

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Please amend claims 1 and 9 as shown below:

1) (Amended) A tool hanger in combination with a hand-held tool, the tool hanger comprising:

a horizontally oriented portion;

a vertically oriented portion joined together with said horizontally oriented portion at first ends thereof at a bend; and

two or more non-axially aligned apertures located at a second end of said horizontally oriented portion, wherein said apertures are so dimensioned and so spaced so as to permit secure connection to and combination with a hand-held tool in two or more distinct locations in an orientation such that the combination of hanger and tool can be suspended in a desired location in a stable configuration.

9) (Amended) A tool hanger in combination with a hand-held tool, the tool hanger comprising:

a horizontally oriented portion;

a vertically oriented portion joined together with said horizontally oriented portion at first ends thereof at a bend; and

one or more apertures located at a second end of said horizontally oriented portion, wherein one or more of said apertures are non-circular so as to permit secure connection to and combination with a hand-held tool in an orientation such that the combination of hanger and tool can be suspended in a desired location in a stable configuration.